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SUBJ: SWEDISH CONCERN OVER LEBANESE SITUATION

1. SWEDISH CHARGE HAMMARSKJOLD TELEPHONED AMB BENNETT AFTERNOON AUGUST 6 TO SAY HIS GOVERNMENT WAS "CASTING ABOUT" AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION IN BEIRUT, SPECIFICALLY REPORTS THAT THE EVACUATION OF WOUNDED FROM TELL ZAATAR HAD BEEN HALTED BY RED CROSS BECAUSE OF SHOOTING DIRECTED AT ITS PERSONNEL. HAMMARSKJOLD SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ABE, TO URGE THAT SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SEND AN APPEAL TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO WARRING FACTIONS IN BEIRUT FOR ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT WOUNDED COULD BE EVACUATED. ABE HAD DEMURRED ON GROUNDS THAT THIS WAS NOT REALLY A PEACE AND SECURITY SITUATION, BUT WOULD COME MORE IN THE AREA OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS; IF UN ACTION WERE TO BE TAKEN, IT SHOULD COME IN ABE'S OPINION FROM SOME OTHER UN AREA OR OFFICIAL. HAMMARSKJOLD ASKED US VIEW.

2. BENNETT REPLIED THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AN APPEAL FROM SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO EXPRESS FRANK VIEW THAT SUCH AN
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APPEAL WOULD HARDLY BE HEARD, MUCH LESS HEDEED, IN PRESENT

INFLAMED SITUATION IN BEIRUT. HAMMARSKJOLD THEN WENT
ON TO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING RELIGIOUS
AUTHORITIES MAKE AN APPEAL. BENNETT SAID HE WOULD
REPORT SWEDISH VIEWS TO DEPARTMENT.

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